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Cc: Sen. Kissel, John A.
Subject: Senate Bill 1129

Dear Connecticut State Legislators,

I write this email to show my support to reform the current Connecticut early release system. Personally, I believe people go to prison because they have done wrong and our judicial system has given them fair opportunity to defend themselves prior to being sentenced for their crimes. The system imposes a fair sentence for the crime(s) committed.

We all should know that people who commit violent crimes against other people have a serious problem. I personally feel our prison system will never be able to totally solve the problems that some people have. Many prisoners are devious and will play with the system to get released early if they know that option is available to them. Frankly, for the crimes they have committed, there should be no option. Granting them early release is a major chance the state will take which history shows is a chance the state has regretted in the past.

When law enforcement officers take these criminals off the streets and the criminal justice system puts them behind bars, the system has worked and society is safer. I get sick when I hear a criminal will be behind bars for "x" years but will only serve "y" years with good behavior. The time for them to behave better is when they shouldn't have committed the crime against society. Connecticut needs to get the reputation that people who commit crimes in our state will serve their full sentences. No exceptions! Our death penalty should also be routinely practiced and not remain the glorified life sentence that it has become. The death penalty should be given within a fair period of time to allow for adequate time for an appeal, if granted. But, that period should not be years in length. Swift punishment for the crime committed...that should be what we do in Connecticut.

As a state legislator, your actions must result in maintaining the safety of the law abiding citizens of Connecticut without exception. The judicial system has done their part and any legislation that grants a change to a criminals punishment must be fool proof. You cannot take any chances. Senate Bill 1129 goes in the right direction by beginning the reform of our early release system to keep violent criminals behind bars to serve their full sentences for the horrific crimes they have committed. I urge you to support this legislation and even make it more strict if you choose to do so. Think of the many instances where criminals serving sentences have fooled the system and have gained release to eventually commit more violent crimes. Don't let that happen! Prison should be a deterrent with no opportunity to "be good" in hopes of getting released early. If these people chose to "be good" instead of committing their crime, they wouldn't be in prison. For me, it's as simple as that.

Thank you for listening. I support the passing of Senate Bill 1129 as a major step in the right direction.

Best regards,

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